

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-76. (Cancelled)

77. (Previously presented) A method comprising:

receiving a first packet data protocol request from a user equipment at a first network element of a network, the packet data protocol request including an identity of a preferred packet data protocol context;

transmitting a second data protocol request from the first network element to a second network element, the second packet data protocol request including at least part of the first packet data protocol request;

receiving from the second network element, information on a selected packet data protocol context for signalling traffic; and

confirming the selected packet data protocol context to the user equipment.

78. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 77, wherein the second packet data protocol request includes the identity of the preferred packet data protocol context, wherein the second network element selects the packet data protocol context in dependence on the preferred packet data protocol context and the packet data protocol contexts supported by the network.

79. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 77, wherein the second packet data protocol request does not include the identity of the preferred packet data protocol context, wherein the second network element selects the packet data protocol context in dependence on packet data protocol contexts supported by the network.

80. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 79, wherein the selected packet data protocol context is a default packet data protocol context.

81. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 78, wherein the selected packet data protocol context includes one of a dedicated signalling packet data protocol context and a general purpose packet data protocol context.

82. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 78, wherein the confirming comprises transmitting a cause code to the user equipment.

83. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 77, wherein the preferred packet data protocol context is an emergency packet data protocol context.

84- 100. (Cancelled)

101. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a receiver configured to receive a first packet data protocol request from a user equipment at a first network element of a network, the first packet data protocol request including an identity of a preferred packet data protocol context;

a transmitter configured to transmit a second packet data protocol request from the first network element to a second network element, the second packet data protocol request including at least part of the first packet data protocol request, said receiver configured to receive from the second network element information on a selected packet data protocol context for signalling traffic between the user equipment and the network; and

a confirming unit configured to confirm the selected packet data protocol context to the user equipment.

102. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 101, wherein the second packet data protocol request includes the identity of the preferred packet data protocol context, and the selected packet data protocol context is dependent upon the preferred packet data protocol context and the packet data protocol contexts supported by the network.

103. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 102, wherein the second packet data protocol request does not include the identity of the preferred packet data protocol context, wherein the selected the packet data protocol context is selected in dependence on packet data protocol contexts supported by the network.

104. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 103, wherein the selected packet data protocol context is a default packet data protocol context.

105. (Previously presented) An apparatus, according to claim 101, wherein the selected packet data protocol context is one of a dedicated signalling packet data protocol context and a general purpose packet data protocol context.

106. (Previously presented) An apparatus, according to claim 101 wherein the first network element is a serving general packet radio service support node and the second network element is a gateway general packet radio service support node.

107. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 106, wherein the confirmation comprises a cause code that is sent to the user equipment.

108. (Previously presented) An apparatus, according to claim 101, wherein the preferred packet data protocol context is an emergency packet data protocol context.

109- 112. (Cancelled)

113. (Currently amended) A computer ~~readable medium~~ program product comprising [[a]] computer program ~~product code adapted that when executed causes a processor to perform:~~ receiving a first packet data protocol request from a user equipment at a first network element of a network, the packet data protocol request including an identity of a preferred packet data protocol context;

transmitting a second packet data protocol request from the first network element to a second network element, the second packet data protocol request including at least part of the first packet data protocol request;

receiving from the second network element information on a selected packet data protocol context for signalling traffic; and

confirming the selected packet data protocol context to the user equipment.